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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental  
Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified  
application. This Statement is submitted:

- ☐ within three months of the application filing date;
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
following reference:

U.S. Patent Document

Ratcliff et al. 5,910,155 (06/08/99)

This reference is also listed on the attached  
Form PTO-1449, and a copy of it is enclosed herewith.

The document listed in this Statement was cited by a  
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Copied" filed concurrently with this application). The following identifies each application from which claims have been copied into this application. For each application from which claims have been copied, the following further identifies the references in the International Search Report (if published and therefore available to the under-signed attorney) for that application that are associated with the claims that have been copied. A copy of the available International Search Report is also enclosed herewith.

WO 99/62415

Applicants submitted this search report and the references contained therein with the IDS filed 04/17/02.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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